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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Legal J.D. University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan College B.S. Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

EXPERIENCE

Present - Private practice of law since 1976. I am of counsel to the Nosek Law Group and have participated in many areas of civil law, including real estate, wills and estates and probate matters. In 1994 I was appointed to the hearing officer panels for the State Department of Education and the University of Alaska. I have conducted several hearings for the University of Alaska and many for the State Department of Education as a result of appointment to these panels. I have acted as the hearing officer in special education cases involving the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Matanuska-Susitna, Kodiak and Nome school districts. I have missed only one training session since my appointment as a hearing officer but obtained and reviewed the course materials for the training. In addition, I have mediated and conducted fair hearings for the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and have just renewed my contract for the 2014-2015 year. I have served as a hearing officer for both the State and the Municipality in cases involving employee relations and license renewals and have been a hearing officer in labor disputes involving Chugach Electric and the IBEW. I have also served as an arbitrator on American Arbitration Association panels in contract claim cases. In addition, with my volunteer work on the fee arbitration panel of the Alaska Bar Association, I have mediated several fee arbitration disputes.

Previously I served as the Attorney for the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School District. In this position, I represented the administration including principals and the School Board in all matters including contract negotiations with employee groups, teacher grievances, contract claims and all other legal actions and services. This included analyzing and preparing legislation.

For the six years prior to that I was the attorney for the Greater Anchorage Area Borough responsible for all legal services of the Greater Anchorage Borough and the GAAB School District. This position functioned as both civil and criminal advisor and included representation of the Borough in tax, zoning, Alaska Public Utilities Commission and other civil litigation as well as the litigation of Borough criminal violations. As Borough Attorney I was the advisor to all Borough departments as well as the Borough Assembly and other Borough Boards and Commissions. The position

required the supervision and training of assistant attorneys and clerical personnel and also included the analyzing and preparing of local ordinances and state legislation. I also had the opportunity to participate as co-counsel in bond counsel work.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - Member of the Alaska Bar Association (am presently a member of the Discipline and Fee Arbitration and Historians committees and the Alternative Dispute Resolution section); Anchorage Bar Association; American Bar Association (served two terms on the Urban, State and Local Government Council) and presently a member of the General Practice Section; National Association of Women Lawyers (served as President and was on the Board for six years); National Institute of Municipal Legal Officers (Regional Vice-President for four years); Member of the Inn of Court until its dissolution

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS - Served as Ways and Means and Service Committee Chairman of the Cook Inlet Soroptimists; Commonwealth North with work on several subcommittees, including the Urban-State We Are Us committee; United Way of Anchorage (two terms on the Board of Directors and several years as Chairman of the Admissions Committee); State Local Boundary Commission (member for almost ten years, chairman for seven); seven years on the board of The Friends of the Library (three years as president); active in fund raising for the Anchorage Museum and STAR (Standing Together Against Rape); completed a five year term on the Alaska Public Offices Commission